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IRELAND AND THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

When Pres't Wilson refused in New York to receive Justice Daniel F. Cohan, on the Irish committee that was to meet him, he struck the nail on the head, and struck it harder, than anything else that he could have said or done. The reason was that Cohan had been mentioned in the Bernstorff correspondence, in a manner that made it inexpedient for a delegate at the peace conference to receive a committeeman on the subject of peace who had been an advocate of Germany, while war with Germany is still technically pending, though hostilities have ceased under an armistice.

It answers the question too, in degree, as to why Ireland is not to be admitted at the peace tables, or a place in the League of Nations, whatever her future independence or dependence may be—at least until the case of Germany has been fully disposed of, and no amount of complaint because Irishmen fought in the war, or the side of the allies, will serve to sidetrack that issue. Those from America, for instance, were supposed to be, and were, fighting as Americans and against Germany, while it is quite well known that too many of the Sinn Féiners, not in the ranks, were fighting all the while with their mouths, and various brands of intrigue, for anything that might go against England.

Ireland, under the present leadership of her claimed independence, due to the war record of the leaders, though 250,000 from the Emerald Isle did fight with the British, does not belong in the same class with Poland or the Jugo-Slavs, but rather in a class with Turkey, as an ally of Germany in everything but the fighting, the Easter uprising three years ago and the purpose of it, being good evidence, but of course—

Pres't Wilson having failed to be absorbed by the "Friends of Irish Freedom," the League of Nations now, of course, must be all wrong, and even Mexico is rung up, as if to haunt him. It is too bad about Mexico; almost as bad as it is about Ireland, Had England left Ireland alone, as America has left Mexico alone, pursuing a similar policy, she might have at her door pretty much the same condition that we have.

Since the "friends" see fit to put it that way—that they are not surprised at the president's attitude,—then why should they be so disappointed about it; or so disgruntled. Frankly, the idea of Irish independence looks pretty good to us, provided she can exhibit the "self-determination" necessary to justification of that independence, but we cannot see it that the League of Nations must be all a farce, merely because Ireland isn't in it. Neither does it materially enhance the wisdom of George Washington—all of a sudden.

THAT ANTI-GERMAN LANGUAGE BILL
AND JUST A WORD FOR SEN. HAGERTY

No one will accuse us of being particularly partial to democrats in the present state assembly, and to Sen. Charles A. Hagerty in particular. In fact, we have kept off the assembly pretty consistently, except when he, a democrat, has given us something to criticize, assuming the attitude of sweeping our own door-yard, at least first—and in this case, leaving the other fellow's deliberately alone. We take it that the people elected republicans to the legislature because they wanted them—like to be humbugged,—and we have not cared to stand in the way of letting them have all the humbuggery that they voted for.

As to Sen. Hagerty, we have said his vote on the prohibition amendment was inexcusable; that his criticism of that senate prayer was insulting and a disgrace; also that his vote on presidential suffrage was like "kicking against the bricks"—its coming being inevitable. We have not commented before on his vote on the so-called anti-German language bill, having decided to await an opportunity to examine it, but now having done so, we are disposed to give his vote our endorsement. The bill as framed, and passed, contrary to report and misrepresentation by the republican press, is no more an anti-German language bill than it is an anti-Polish language bill, and neither does it stop with the public or common schools, as claimed by its apologists, but goes into every parochial and private, or institutional school in the commonwealth.

The McCray bill is a sneaking, underhanded attempt to do what the republicans dared not promise in their platform to do, before election, through fear of offending the German vote, and in making that attempt, because the democrats had promised it in their platform, to do it after a manner not to offend the German vote in the future any more than is necessary. It is a deliberate affront to the people of other nationalities, loyal to America during the war, and unoffending in their Americanism, while saving over any affront that might otherwise come to the Germans. All that was necessary in Indiana was to repeal the law on the statute books forcing the teaching of German in the public schools, and Sen. Hagerty would no doubt have voted for such a measure, but no, that was not enough for Sen. McCray and his German-mollycoddling partisan associates. Get it just as it is:

"Sec. 1. * * * All subjects and branches taught in the elementary schools of * * *

Indiana and all elementary schools maintained in connection with benevolent or correctional institutions, shall be taught in the English language only * * *"

"Sec. 2. * * * All private and parochial schools and all schools maintained in connection with benevolent and correctional institutions * * * which instruct pupils who have not completed a course of study equivalent to that prescribed for the first eight grades of the elementary schools of this state, shall be taught in the English language only * * *"

A proviso to both sections, adds that the "German language shall not be taught in any of the elementary" or "in any schools within the state." Now get this salvo from the local republican press, apologists for the measure, patting the Germans on the back, while deliberately misrepresenting the scope of the legislation. It says:

"Elimination of the German language from the public schools of Indiana, as accomplished by the McCray bill, is not, as it may seem to the superficial observer, solely an act of resentment against the German nation for forcing the world into a long and bloody conflict, but rather a precautionary measure against future German propaganda, which might have been taken with advantage years ago. It has the further purpose to encourage a more exclusive study of the English language by the pupils of the public schools."

Isn't that nice? "Not an act of resentment against the German nation, but rather a precautionary measure * * * to encourage a more exclusive study of the English language," etc., which makes it real entertaining, especially when we reflect back to the rampant rally against German in the schools, as indulged in by that same paper, before the Germans were discovered to be such a valuable appendage to republican success. But get this, addenda, from the same source:

"This is, of course, as far as the legislature could go in excluding the German language from the education of the girls and boys of the state. Its powers do not extend to the regulation of parochial schools, in some of which the German language will continue to be taught until through pure force of public sentiment it is discontinued. * * * The literature of Germany has a place in higher education which it would be difficult to ignore."

And there you have it. Above we give you, first of all, what the law says, and then what the republican press would have you believe it says, and what we quote from the local organ is of the same line of misrepresentation as is going on all over Indiana. Sen. Hagerty was perfectly justified in calling attention to this subterfuge, and worse hypocrisy, and in backing his criticism with his vote. The McCray bill banishes the German language from the schools yes, private and parochial as well as public, but there is the balm in it, that other languages are hit quite as hard. How are you going to teach any foreign language in the English language? And the bill provides, mind you, that all subjects and branches shall be taught in that language "alone."

Personally we do not care if every foreign language is excluded from the schools, public and private, but why be hypocritical about it? The American language—which is the English—should be given every preference, but this bill was framed by the republicans to mollycoddle the Germans, for partisan purposes, and to maintain the well of pure English only incidentally. Pressure from the genuine American to have the German language law repealed is supposed to be satisfied, but it wasn't enough to just repeal the law—and it may be that a similar hypocrisy on the part of the republicans, in the passage of some of the other measures which he has opposed, including the "peachment" in that prayer, have so disgusted Sen. Hagerty as to at least semi-justify him in his attitude toward all of them.

We have seen enough republican hypocrisy, even among the clergy, and without going to Indianapolis, to disgust most anyone into doing most anything—even if it were to approve of the very devil in preference to some of their hypocritical schemes.

Other Editors Than Ours

COULDN'T ABOLISH SKIRT.

(New York Evening Post.)

Dr. Mary Walker wore to the last the trousers authorized by congress. They were to her a badge of honor, recalling that she was the first woman to practice medicine, the only woman ever to be exchanged for a male prisoner of war, and all her life a champion of the equality of the sexes. Neither Dr. Mary Walker, however, nor Lydia Thompson, nor the bicycle, nor war itself could abolish the inviolable skirt. And when suffrage triumphed, it was not because its leaders put on mannish garb. The more feminine they appeared, the more persuasive they were. By trousers Dr. Walker will be chiefly remembered. Prof. John Boscumb used to say that the pioneers among women are always eccentric. Posterity does them injustice if it lets eccentricity discount their claim to respect and gratitude.

PUTS UP ISSUE SQUARELY.

(Cleveland Plain Dealer.)

Pres't Wilson's Boston address puts the issue squarely up to the American people. Shall the United States, after having contributed so heavily and so altruistically to the winning of the war, declare her work done and her responsibilities ended? Shall the other democratic peoples be told to go their ways and leave America to return to her self-satisfied isolation? The work of fighting is ended, but the greater work of peace is still to be done. Shall America shrink? Shall America scuttle?

CAN'T RESIST COMPARISON.

(Philadelphia Record.)

No one who read Pres't Wilson's Boston speech and the addresses of the little group of United States senators who have been inveighing against the covenant of the League of Nations can resist making an invidious comparison between the true patriotism, the broad humanitarianism, that abounds in the ringing utterances of the president's appeal, and the narrow, petty selfishness, the spurious, inward-looking nationalism, that has been the keynote of senatorial opposition.

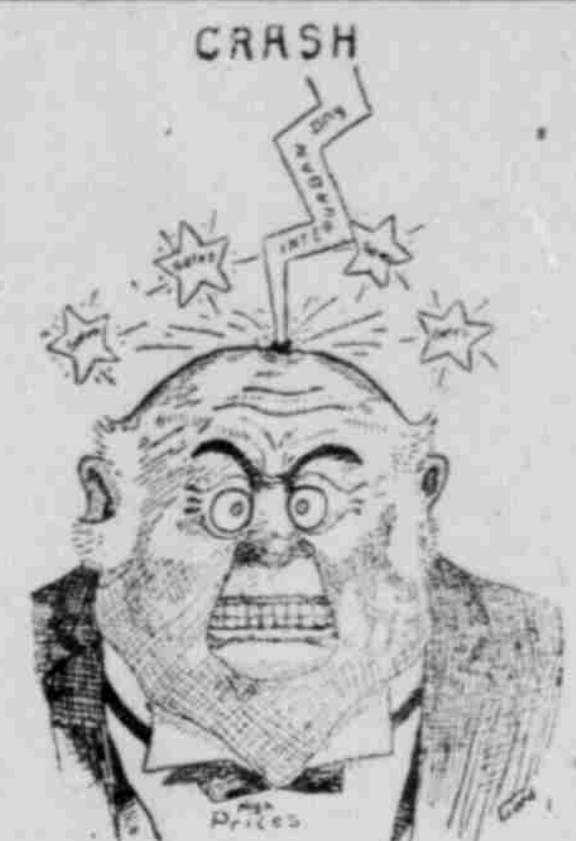
IDEALS OF THE REPUBLIC.

(New York Tribune.)

The speech of the president in Boston neither in words nor spirit contains anything to arouse controversy. He interprets in broad phrases of great felicity the high mission of this country. He proclaims with great power his ideals; behold, they are the ideals of the great republic.

The Melting Pot

COME! TAKE POTLUCK WITH US



CRASH

Easter Sunday comes late this year. Years ago it meant something for Easter Sunday to be belated in its arrival, but not any more in this day and age. Once upon a time women bought their Easter bonnets a few days before the arrival of Easter Sunday, but they do not do that nowadays.

In the days gone by, women wore their Easter bonnets for the first time on Easter Sunday, but nothing like that today. Already Michigan is resplendent with new Easter hats, and already South Bend women are wearing their new Easter bonnets. They do not wait for the approach, even, of Easter Sunday. They get them as soon after the first day of January as they can, and already weary husbands in this little city of South Bend have had to cough up the price for a new spring lid for friend wife, and this spring bonnet is the same in intent if not in pattern as the old Easter bonnet, only that it is worn long before Easter.

One consolation, however, in regard to the early wearing of Easter hats by women in South Bend is that they look mighty dainty and pretty, and, anyway, what is a little thing like being 40 or 50 days ahead of time. Usually women are not that way, especially if they are going to a party or dance or entertainment. It is usually the other way.

But speaking of Easter bonnets, or hats, as they are called nowadays, a woman feels out of place if she does not get to wear a new spring hat in January, and it is not her fault if Easter Sunday does not come until April this year.

Serg't. George Sands does not believe that any man will buy three and a half gallons of whisky for his own use. Of course, Serg't. Sands has been away, and he probably does not know just how much one needs in South Bend to keep pace with the conditions created here by the prohibition law, and its enforcement by the police department.

Returning soldiers to South Bend continue to be against universal military training, much to the satisfaction of those who would like to see everybody carrying a gun. Apparently those who are most in favor of universal military training are those who would not be physically affected.

SEX DOESN'T COUNT.

(New York World.)

If the militant suffragists who were quickly arrested in Boston had been intent only on presenting a petition to the president, as they say, they would not have been molested, and they know it. They went there to create a disturbance in which somebody might easily have been killed. When we get to bedrock in American anarchy there is not much difference between the native and the alien or between man and woman.

JUST A BOOMERANG.

(New York World.)

The killing of Kurt Eisner was followed by a revolutionary outburst in Bavaria. The growth of the independent socialist vote in Berlin is ascribed to the same cause, and to the murder of Liebknecht and Rosa Luxemburg. Political assassination has a way of injuring most the cause of those who aim the blow.

WOULDN'T BE UNCOMFORTABLE

(Cleveland Plain Dealer.)

It is said that there is a reaction in Coblenz in favor of the return of Wilhelm. However, Coblenz is at present full of Yankee soldiers and we don't believe Mr. Hohenzollern would feel at all comfortable there.

FULLY QUALIFIED.

(Springfield, Mass., Republican.)

A former health commissioner of New York and ex-president of the public health association, Dr. Stephen Smith, may be said to have fully qualified as an expert. He has just celebrated his 66th birthday.

WOULDN'T MIND IT.

(Washington Post.)

The railroads want to get back to private operation, but the farmers wouldn't mind being under government dictatorship for another season at \$2.25.

Quite So.

"John, before we were married you always engaged a cab when we went anywhere."

"True enough, but now we can do our hugging at home."

As Things Go.

"In the joke book the young man who interviewed papa is perturbed."

"Well?"

"But in real life papa is usually the one who is ill at ease."

Mann Defeated by
Anti-Suffrage and
Booze Standpatters

News-Times Special Service:

WASHINGTON, March 4.—The defeat of James R. Mann for speaker of the next congress by Lodge, Penrose and Will Hays was one of the most high handed pieces of ingratitude in the history of American politics. For years Mann has been the republican leader in congress and no man in the history of American politics has been more faithful to his trust as a party leader than Mann. But there were some campaign debts to be paid by the republican leaders.

The big interests, most of the wets, the anti-woman suffragists and the Germans have voted the republicans into power, so Lodge, Penrose and Hays organized congress with Gillett and Longworth in control, and both of them voted "wet," both of them voted against woman suffrage, both of them have tried to embarrass the administration on the German issue, and both are radical stand-patters in favor of big business and special interests ruling the country.

Hays is merely a tool in the hands of the old republican machine in politics and his principal objection to Mann was that the disloyal element which left the democrats and voted with the republicans did not want Mann elected because he asked his republican colleagues to stand by the president while the war was on. Also, Hays thought the election of Gillett and Longworth would please the disgruntled recruits to the republican party who are anti-suffrage, pro-German, "wet" and in favor of special interest legislation.

BARNHART RETIRES.

Tuesday at noon the official career of Henry A. Barnhart, representative of the 13th district in the national congress, ceased, after almost 11 years' service. Mr. Barnhart will be succeeded by Andrew J. Hickey, of Laporte, and, within a month, will return to take up his private business affairs at Rochester, where he will continue to reside. His chief clerks, E. E. Mountjoy and L. B. Noble, will remain in Washington until they complete some unfinished work, and Private Sec'y Jerome Chamberlain will return to Rochester and later locate in South Bend. During his 11 years in congress, Mr. Barnhart has given special attention to the extensive and diversified business and civic interests of this unusually large district and his success in behalf of soldiers' and sailors' widows, in getting the district's full share of government improvements and favors, in improving the mail service, in government aid of good roads and in taking care of the public's business promptly, has given him a record of energetic public service which he considers his modest honors. Mr. Barnhart will not withdraw from public activity, as many retired officials do, but will take his place in the ranks of forward marching citizenship and continue his life time efforts for better public service and larger possibilities for general health, happiness and prosperity.

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Butter Crackers, pound18c	Instant Postum, small size, 25c	Lyknu Furniture Polish10c
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Pearson's Household Ammonia, bottle13c	Jello and Jiffy Jell, all flavors, package10c	Paxton Red Beans, can9c
Fould's Egg Noodles, pkg. 9c	Mascot Soap4c	Bee Brand Sweet Corn, small8 1/2c
Rub-No-More Washing Powder6 1/2c	Postum Cereal, small size, 12c	Karo Syrup, red, 10 lbs. 79c
Best Brick Cheese, per pound30c	Crescent Calif. Seeded Raisins, pkg. 11c	Souder's Extracts, all flavors for12c
Crystal Sol Soda7 1/2c	De Zerta Pie Filling, Custard, Lemon and Chocolate, pkg.8c	Epsom Salts, package5c
Rub-No-More Naphtha Soap Chips9c	Postum Cereal, large size, 29c	Bread—Milk Malt and Mothers Bread, per loaf 8 1/2c
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Fancy Sunkist Calif. Evaporated Peaches, pound23c	Swift's Pride Soap5c	Listerine22c
Swift's Dixie Square Bacon, pound32c	Lux Washing Powder, package 11c	Royal Glue9c
Wesson Oil, 1 pint and 3 oz. can39c	English Walnuts, fancy, lb. 33c	Vaseline, jar6c
Swift's Empire Hams, lb. 27c	Royal Caviar, just arrived, glass15c	McKenzie Pancake and Buckwheat Flour, package 11c
Swift's Premium Hams, lb. 37c	Dunbar Shrimp, wet and dry18c	Metrox Metal Silver Polish 22c
Good Luck Milk, tall can 12c	Monsoon Spiced Herring, quart Mason jars32c	4-Hole Mouse Trap9c
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